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2. In a tough statement to the press today Foreign Minister Caglayangil said "We have no option but to remove the constant threat against the Turkish Cypriot community....," and that "necessary measures have been taken in all fields." The Greek Ambassador in Ankara said that the statement was "negative" and made a very bad impression on him.

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4. Reuters reports that Turkish naval units patrolled the north coast of Cyprus on 20 November, and that Turkish jets flew over the island. In Izmir, a reported 30,000 demonstrators demanded war with Greece. Feeling continues to run high as reports of

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atrocities against Turkish Cypriots in the Ayios Theodoros-Kophinou area continue to trickle in.

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6. There have been no further incidents on the island, and UN officials report no Greek Cypriot police patrols entered or left Ayios Theodoros today. Cypriot Minister of Interior and Defense Georkatzis and UNFICYP Commander Martola have conducted a joint inspection of the Czech arms at two depots near Nicosia. Georkatzis informed Martola that a small number of light weapons had been distributed to the police and not re-collected. Nevertheless, Martola expressed satisfaction with the inspection.

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1. Tension remains high but no new military moves have been reported. Turkish forces remain capable of a move against Cyprus with no further warning.

2. Minor incidents were reported from Cyprus on 20 November. A Greek Cypriot farmer and his wife were shot by Turkish Cypriots and there were two minor bomb explosions.

3. Cypriot Foreign Minister Georkatzis had arranged to inspect the Czech arms with UNFICYP Commander Martola the afternoon of 20 November. Apparently only the heavy weapons will be available for inspection and sequestration. The light weapons, including at least 300 submachine guns, had been distributed earlier by Georkatzis and he would now have difficulty in recovering them.

4. The Greek Minister in Nicosia, commenting on the note which Ankara sent to Athens on 17 November said that it left some room for response and negotiation. He did not know how Athens planned to answer the note but the fact that it mentioned no specific time limit for withdrawal of Greek troops suggested to him that phased withdrawal under U.N. supervision might be possible.

5. Turkey apparently has not yet presented to Greece the hard terms which Turkish Foreign Minister Caglayangil described to U.S. Ambassador Hart last night.

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6. Turkish Foreign Minister Caglayangil, in a press conference the afternoon of 20 November, stated that the Turkish government was "determined to remove all threats against the Turkish Cypriot community." He also noted that Greek attacks on the Cypriot Turks were continuing.